

BRECKENRIDGE NEWS.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 1897.

Uncle Johnathan.

Gives The Louisville Dispatch a Few Pointers in the

LINE OF POLITICAL ECONOMY.

A Few Remedies For Our National Disease the Centralization of Wealth.

The new silver reform Democratic daily, The Dispatch, of Louisville, said in its issue of Sunday last: "The rapid and phenomenal concentration of wealth in the hands of the few with the corresponding spread of poverty and distress among the masses in this country is a matter which causes serious apprehensions among the thoughtful and patriotic who see in it the greatest danger to our free institutions."

The Dispatch goes on to quote from the New York Herald a long list of estates whose great value is given as an illustration of the tendency of the times. This is the way that paper places some real estate holdings in the city of New York: W. Astor, \$110,000,000; J. J. Astor, \$70,000,000; R. and O. Goetz, \$35,000,000; A. R. Eno, \$25,000,000.

The Dispatch gives twenty real estate holdings whose aggregate value amounts to \$352,000,000.

The Dispatch does very well in stating the disease, but it does not point out a remedy. The true reformer will not rail at conditions and stop there. The true reformer will diagnose the disease, point out the causes of the disease and state the remedy. The best physicians strike at the disease; they are not satisfied to apply mere palliatives.

The Dispatch says: "These figures find their parallel in the holdings of personal property. The rage for accumulation has become a form of insanity which stops at nothing. Legislative bodies, courts and juries are looked upon as legitimate articles of merchandise and personal and private honor, except such as obtain among thieves, is held up to ridicule and contempt."

This is pretty strong language, but the facts justify it. Now does the Dispatch suppose the "rage for accumulation" will die out of itself? Will those millionaires, who are engaged in the business of accumulating wealth which they do not create, voluntarily go out of business? Well, hardly. Will the "concentration of wealth in few hands and the corresponding spread of poverty and distress among the masses" stop, or even appreciably lessen, so long as the cause of this "concentration of wealth in few hands" is left in full force and operation? The clear-headed man of sense must unhesitatingly answer, no.

The Dispatch vainly imagines and its party vainly imagines it has a remedy. It thinks and its party thinks that the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 with gold at 2 per cent. income tax on the rich would remedy matters. That at least is what they propose as a remedy. But last fall we were told by the silver orators that if the volume of "redemption money" were doubled, as would be the case under free coinage, that the prices of farms and real estate would be doubled.

The Dispatch professes to be greatly alarmed and that thoughtful and patriotic people are greatly alarmed at such immense fortunes as those enumerated above being lodged in the hands of individuals. Yet it advocates as a remedy a policy which its own party declares would double the size of those fortunes! Seems to me that that would only aggravate the disease.

The other remedy they propose is right in principle, but it is entirely inadequate—take a private individual whose income is \$10,000,000 a year. The 2 per cent. income tax would leave that individual the very comfortable income of \$9,800,000! This remedy would have about as much effect in remedying the evils complained of by the Dispatch as the small boy would have in trying to empty the ocean with a tin cup.

I submit in all sober seriousness that such a remedy, in the language of the editor of the News, "is a delusion and a snare."

Effects cannot be removed without removing the cause of those effects.

The concentration of the nation's wealth in the hands of the few, dangerous as such concentration is to the peace and stability of the Republic and however wide spread the poverty and distress resulting from it, this concentration of wealth must go on with increasing momentum from year to year until a REAL REMEDY SHALL BE FOUND AND APPLIED.

The only way to stop the accumulation of these gigantic estates in the hands of a few individuals is to absolutely cut off the sources of these enormous incomes. Strike at the root of the trouble or confess inability to apply a remedy.

Let us examine for a moment some of the large incomes of the millionaire class. Here are some striking examples: W. W. Astor, per annum, \$8,000,000; J. D. Rockefeller, per annum, \$7,000,000; J. Gould Estate, per annum, \$4,000,000; Russell Sage, per annum, \$4,000,000; C. Vanderbilt, per annum, \$4,000,000; W. K. Vanderbilt, per annum, \$3,750,000.

How is this for an illustration of the steady and rapid concentration of wealth in these United States?

Think of a monthly income of \$741,666 and a daily income of \$20,455!! If all the real estate in Meade and Breckenridge counties and all the personal property which is listed for taxation were sold at its cash value, the money realized would not equal the annual income of any one of these millionaires.

(To be continued.)

CONDUCT OF RURAL SCHOOLS.

Interesting Report to Be Submitted By the Commission of Twelve.

Recommendations as to Organization, Maintenance, Teachers, Instruction and Discipline

One Result of the Last Meeting of the National Educational Association.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 27.—The report of the commission of twelve on rural schools in the United States, appointed at the convention of the National Educational Association in July, 1895, has been completed and will be submitted at the next annual gathering. It is one of the most important documents on school education that has appeared since the promulgation of the report of the commission of ten a couple of years ago.

The commission consisted of Henry Sabin of Iowa, D. I. Kiehle of Minnesota, A. B. Hold of New York, C. C. Rounds of New Hampshire, N. C. Philip of Alabama, B. A. Hinsdale of Michigan, S. L. Black of California, W. S. Sutton of Texas, L. E. Wolf of Missouri, United States Commissioner of Education Harris, L. B. Evans of Georgia, and C. R. Skinner of New York. The report discusses the rural school problem in the different aspects of school maintenance, supervision, supply of teachers and instruction and discipline. Each of these subjects was in charge of a subcommittee of three, their work being reviewed by the entire committee.

The report says that for purposes of organization, maintenance or supervision, nothing should be recognized as the unit smaller than the township or the county. The school district is the most undesirable unit possible. Effecting this change wherever the district system prevails would conduct to effectiveness and simplicity of organization; economy in force, equalization of taxation and a system of supervision which would produce better results. All the subcommittees favor the consolidation of schools which are too small to employ profitably the time of one teacher into larger schools, when practicable, in order that better instructions may be provided than is now possible.

Every community should be induced to raise a certain sum for the support of its schools as a prerequisite for receiving its share of public money. A certain definite sum should be appropriated to each school out of state funds, and the remainder should be divided in accordance with some fixed and established rule, a discrimination being made in favor of the township most willing to tax themselves for school purposes.

One of the great hindrances of the improvement of the rural school lies in its isolation and inability to furnish to the pupil that stimulative influence which comes from contact with others of its own age and advancement. The committee, therefore, recommends collecting pupils from smaller schools into larger and paying for their transportation, believing that in this way better teachers can be provided, more rational methods of instruction adopted, and at the same time the expense of the schools can be materially lessened. There is a tendency to fill the rural schools with untrained, immature teachers. The establishment of normal training schools under competent instructors with short hours, each year of which shall be complete in itself, would do much to remedy the evil. The extension and adjustment of the courses and terms of the state normal schools so as to constitute a continuous session would enable them to contribute more directly than now to the improvement of the teachers of rural schools. The state would then be justified in demanding some degree of professional training from every teacher in the rural as well as in the city schools. The establishing of the libraries, the prosecution of the work in the school by the teachers and other means, the introduction of such studies as will have a tendency to connect the school and the home, and especially those having a direct bearing upon the everyday life of the community, and the necessity of applying the laws of sanitation to the construction of rural school-houses, demand immediate attention.

Rural schools are suffering from the want of official and intelligent supervision. In every state some standard of qualification, moral and intellectual, with some amount of actual experience, should be demanded by law from those who aspire to fill the office of superintendent or supervisor of schools.

Good morals and good manners constitute a part of educational requirement. The inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order, or whatever tends to make a good citizen, is of as much importance in a small as well as in a larger way. Obedience and industry are necessary in the country as well as in larger towns. Teachers should call to their aid the beautiful things in nature.

Some important recommendations are made as to instruction, and the discipline and attempt to grade rural schools as the city schools are graded are set out at length. In connection with schools exercises at the town or county center, once or twice a year, competitive examinations are not recommended, unless they are carefully guarded. The feature of social intercourse, the stimulus which comes from meeting with one's mates, have advantages which ought not to be neglected.

There is embodied an interesting report urging negro teachers for negro schools. It says that the instinct, the educational development of the negro, must be from within and by the race itself.

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self, and not solely through extraneous agencies; that the intellectual and moral dependence of the race must not be perpetuated; and the responsibility of teaching his own race furnishes incentives and means for race elevation. The conclusion reached is that the instinct of race identity renders impossible the realization of an ideal relation between the white teacher and the negro pupil.

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Pretty Low. Revenge carried beyond the grave is instanced in the obituary notice, written by a Tennessee editor, of a man who died owing him a ten years' subscription for his paper. He said that the deceased had fallen so low in his mortal life that he had to climb up hill to get into perdition. —Kansas City Times.

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OUR COUNTY ROADS.

ROADS MEAN ADVANCEMENT.

Ease of Communication Marks the Progress of Civilization.

The movement in behalf of good roads in this and other states and the obstacles it is called upon to overcome are strongly suggestive of the readiness with which we are apt to accept the greatest facilities in communication as matter of course—if indeed we do not quickly come to regard their usefulness with indifference, says the New York Mail and Express. Too many men are controlled by a single idea. They abandon interest in highways because they have canals, or they abandon interest in canals because of railway development, and some day they will vote railways a nuisance because of a perfected flying machine. They fail to appreciate the value of maintaining the best in any and every form of human communication that is worth maintaining at all.

Upon the perfection of every means of communication and transportation rests our progress toward higher civilization and social development. As barbarism is invariably characterized by a lack of adequate facilities for travel and commercial intercourse, so the highest civilization is marked by the greatest advancement in every phase of these. When the Roman empire was at the height of its grandeur, it was distinguished for its roads, which all led to Rome.

In strong contrast with this early civilization was the comparative barbarism of the middle ages, when the feudal barons perched their castles upon inaccessible heights, when roads and bridges were almost unknown, when wheeled vehicles were generally tabooed, when social and mental progress were stagnant and all commerce and reciprocal activity were halted. To the friction of ready intercourse all progress is due. As steam and electricity make a neighborhood of a nation, so improved highways—the first evidences of civilization, because the earliest demonstration of man's desire for easy intercourse with his neighbor—will ever remain the test of progress in the separate communities that go to make up the state.

A generation hence the town or county which has not the most improved highways known to science will be the town or county where the moral and mental standard is lowest. The sign will be bearing.

HIGHWAYS TO WEALTH. Farmers Prosperous in Communities Having Good Roads.

Good roads are the highways to wealth. If I could take you with me north, south, east and west, to where the beginnings of road improvement have been made, I could show you small farming communities growing rich in these hard times, contented and happy, and troubling themselves not at all with the great problems of finance which agitate their brethren. They have no time to waste in talk. If their fields are too wet to work, they go on the road. Their marketing is done in bad weather, and in rainy spells they bring from a distance cheap fertilizers to enrich their farms, such as marl, city refuse, etc. Philadelphia refuse is carried 80 miles on the stone roads.

In these fortunate communities every day brings its earnings to man and beast, for there is always paying work on a good road, and if a man has no hauling of his own to do he can get work from others, and good wages. Extended these conditions and imagine, if you can, the prosperity that would burst upon the country if every farmer and every farm team could earn a fair day's wages for every day in the year, rain or shine; if every farm could be cultivated and improved to its utmost extent.—Address by General Roy Stone.

FARMERS AND GOOD ROADS. The Value of Farm Land is Determined by Its Accessibility.

The farmers would be more benefited by good roads than any other class. The value of a farm is determined by its accessibility. The land that is favored with best transportation facilities, whether by rail or river, will bring the best price per acre when put upon the market. There is no doubt that one mile of good macadamized road is more valuable in this country than five miles of plow and scraper road that goes to pieces in one year.

The turning over of soil is labor in vain, and we do not secure the farmer when he either takes a pitchfork or a hoe or, if he is rheumatic, a mattress. One mile of good roads made each year would be more beneficial than all the work done in a township. In the near future there will be some device found that will enable our farmers to make good roads at a small cost.—Jamestown (Pa.) World.

California's Wide Tire Law. California's new tire law requires that tires should be from three to six inches wide, according to size of axle or carrying capacity. Wagons with smaller tires may not be used within the state after Jan. 1, 1900. Narrow tires are the most destructive influences that are at work upon the roads. A broad tire, made in proportion to the load to be carried, may leave a road better for its passage, where a narrow tire cuts it into ruts. It would have been a further improvement had the legislature ordered that the hind wheels of the wagon be in the same track as the front wheels of the wagon. Where wheels trail each other in the same track the tendency to cut ruts is much greater. If the wheels were set in different lengths of axle, six inch tires would give the effect of a one foot roller on each side of the wagon.

MONTANA HIGHWAYS. Recent Laws Provide For Their Systematic Improvement.

The highways of Montana, by a bill passed by the state legislature, are placed in the charge of the county surveyor, and one hundred thousand dollars are appropriated for their improvement.

That Chill Never Came Back. It never will if you use Dr. Bell's Peppermint Chill Tonic. Where this remedy is used papa's worry about his sick child is all gone. Mother's heart is relieved of its sorrowing sighs and a pleasant smile lights up her countenance. Why? Because this remedy acts to flight the languid look, that lack of energy, that sallow complexion, and gives the child bright eyes, a quick step, and rosy cheeks.

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view, and use our own road supervisor, usually held by an inexperienced man, is abolished. The act defines the powers and duties of county surveyors and provides for their compensation. By this act each of these officers is required to keep the highways in his county clear of obstruction and in good repair and maintain bridges, to make all plans and specifications for new roads and bridges, to report to the county commissioners on all work completed, and if the work is done according to the plans, specifications and contract he is to draw his vouchers for the same before payment is made.

The county surveyor is chairman of all boards of viewers of roads, keeps the records of road surveys and is the general superintendent of all roads. He may employ labor, teams, etc., and has power to contract for all work not exceeding \$200 in cost. For larger amounts the approval of a majority of the board of county commissioners is required. The salary received varies with the class of county, from \$750 to \$2,000 per year. Viewers and all assistants of the county surveyor may not receive more than \$3 per day.

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Justifiable Joy. It is a custom among the Methodist preachers to open their annual conferences with the hymn:

And are we yet alive
To see each other's face?

In a certain town where the conference was held the preachers were treated with extraordinary hospitality. Every housekeeper had the table groaning with fried chicken and yellow gravy. All the choice fowls were killed off to satisfy the white cravated epicures. The day after adjournment the evening paper of the town had a picture showing two scrawny looking young roosters peeping at each other out from under the barn and then, crossing their necks, saying:

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—Buffalo Express.

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Shown Up Still Again. The haughty beauty glanced at the card that the servant had brought her and noticed that it bore the name of a titled fortune hunter of unsavory reputation.

"Show him up," she said.

"What, again?" asked the footman in surprise.

"Again?" repeated the haughty beauty, "What do you mean?"

"Why, the papers have already shown him up once," answered the footman, who had been doing a little reading.

"Nevertheless," returned the haughty beauty, with her most imperious gesture, "it is necessary to show him up before I can turn him down."

Saying which she turned to a mirror to practice the key stare for which she had become noted. —Chicago Post.

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